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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 17-19

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIBH PRESS JULY 17-19:

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS NOT PARTICULARLY HEAVY, BUT ALSO NOT FAVORABLE;  
-- ON FRANCE, GROMYKO'S JULY 16 TOAST TO SAUVAGNARGUES IN JULY 17  
PRAVDA, PRAVDA "POLITICAL OBSERVER" YURIY ZHUKOV'S WRAPUP ON  
NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS LETTERS IN PRAVDA JULY 18, AND BONN CORRES-  
PONDENT V. MIKHAILOV'S REPLAY OF PCF-DKP COMMUNIQUE IN PRAVDA  
JULY 19 MAKE CLEAR SOVIETS ARE STILL UNHAPPY WITH FRENCH MILITARY  
TRENDS AND DO NOT EXAGGERATE IMPORTANCE OF NEW AGREEMENT;  
GROMYKO STRESSED NEED FOR "CONSISTENCY" IN BILATERAL RELATIONS,  
ZHUKOV HOW MUCH THERE REMAINS TO BE DONE IN ARMS CONTROL FIELD, AND  
MIKHAILOV STATIONING OF PLUTON ON FRG'S GDR BORDER.  
-- UNHAPPINESS ELSEWHERE IN EAST-WEST MILITARY RELATIONS CONTINUES  
ON DISPLAY: MIKHAILOV IS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT LEBER-RUMSFELD PROGRESS  
IN JOINT U.S.- FRG TANK PRODUCTION; KRASNAYA ZVEZDA COMMENTATORS  
YU. GAVRILOV AND V. VINOGRADOV ARE WORRIED JULY 18 THAT GREECE  
IS BEING SUCKED BACK INTO ROLE OF "PLATSDARM" AGAINST "SOCIALIST"  
COUNTRIES AND MIDDLE EAST; IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF  
SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF PEACE, ZHUKOV PLAYS SOVIET  
STOCKHOLM APPEAL SIGNATURES AS CONVINCING REBUTTALS OF WESTERN  
CHARGES ABOUT SOVIET THREAT, IN PRAVDA JULY 17; AND IN IZVESTIYA  
JULY 17 COMMENTATOR VIKTOR STEPANOV HAS A SUBMARINER SIGNATORY  
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PROVIDE DETAILS ON TRIDENT: 8,000 KM. RANGE, 14 WARHEADS, OVER  
10 METERS LONG; 30 PERCENT OF U.S. DELIVERY VEHICLES, HE ADDS,  
ARE ON SUBS. CARTOON IN JULY 17 PRAVDA SHOWS PENTAGON OLD WIFE  
TELLING TALES OF SUBS IN POTOMAC AND TANKS ON BROADWAY TO  
TERRIFIED U.S. PUBLIC.

-- HIGH POINT OF WEEKEND CONTRIBUTION TO HELSINKI ANNIVERSARY  
BUILDUP HAS HUNGARIAN DEPUTY PM JANOS NAGY TOUTING HUNGARIAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAW, MEASURES TO MAKE FOREIGN TRAVEL  
EASIER, AND IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR ACCREDITED FOREIGN JOURNALISTS  
AS HUNGARY'S CONTRIBUTION TO IMPLEMENTATION; HE ALSO ATTACKS WEST  
FOR DISINTEREST IN HUNGARIAN CULTURE, AND FOR TRYING TO SPLIT  
SMALL "SOCIALIST" STATES FROM BIG BROTHER USSR (NOVOYE VREMYA,

JULY 16). ON UPBEAT SIDE, JULY 16 IZVESTIYA COMMEMORATIVE ARTICLE ON HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF MAXIM LITVINOV SHOWS HIM PRESENT AT THE CREATION, UNDER LENIN'S AEGIS, OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE POLICY CONFIRMED BY SHIFTING CORRELATION OF FORCES AND 24TH AND 25TH CPSU CONGRESSES.

-- ECPC FOLLOW-UP IS MARKED BY RETURN OF ZARODOV, IN PRAVDA JULY 17 REVIEW OF HIS NEW BOOK WHICH REPEATS LAST AUGUST'S THESES IN SLIGHTLY MODERATED FORM (SEPTEL) AND BY RATHER FAWNING COMMENTARY BY "POLISH PUBLICIST A. KRUCZKOWSKI" IN JULY 18 PRAVDA WHICH GIVES FAVORABLE MENTION TO 1969 CONFERENCE AND INDIGANTLY REBUTS WESTERN CHARGES THAT USSR IS CLOSE SOCIETY.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA JULY 17 ANNOUNCE HUSAK ARRIVAL IN USSR FOR VACATION.

-- AUSTRIAN PM KREISKY TAKES A VERY HARD-HITTING REBUTTAL FOR HIS BICENTENNIAL CLAIM THAT U.S. LIBERATED AUSTRIA FROM RED ARMY IN JULY 17 PRAVDA; VIENNA CORRESPONDENT MEL'NIKOV CONCLUDES THAT SUCH DISTORTIONS NEVER INCREASED THE AUTHORITY OF POLITICIANS WHO RESORT TO THEM, RATHER THE CONTRARY, AND THEY SHOULD REMEMBER IT.

-- ON SPAIN, JULY 17 IZVESTIYA ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW AEROFLOT FLIGHT MOSCOW-MADRID, AND PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL REVIEW JULY 18 CONCLUDES THAT INITIAL HOPES IN SUAREZ HAVE BEEN DASHED BY HIS CONTINUED RELIANCE OF EXTREME RIGHT ELEMENTS.

-- UNDER TITLE "BRUTAL INTERFERENCE," JULY 19 PRAVDA JUMPS QUICKLY AT NEW YORK TASS REPORT AND ROME REACTION ON ALLEGED PUERTO RICO AGREEMENT TO WITHHOLD NEW LOANS TO ITALY IF PCI ENTERED GOVERNMENT.

-- ON MIDDLE EAST, WEEKEND PRESS CARRIES AMBIGUOUS REPORTS INDICATING SOME SYRIAN PULLBACK IN LEBANON PRIOR TO AN APPARENT HALT. PLO SPOKESMEN ARE CITED ON PLO'S UNWILLINGNESS TO TALK WITH SYRIANS UNTIL SYRIAN TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM SOFAAR REGION OR AS JULY 18 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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PRAVDA HAS IT, UNTIL SYRIAN TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM ALL LEBANON.

-- INDIRECT FORM OF SOVIET PRESSURE ON SYRIA IS EXEMPLIFIED BY SEVERAL WEEKEND ARTICLES ON OCCASION OF 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF IRAQI REVOLUTION, AND CENTRAL PRESS PUBLICATION OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP'S CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO AL-BAKR. JULY 18 PRAVDA QUOTES APPROVINGLY IRAQI NEWSPAPER "AL-DZHUMUSIYA-'S COMMENT ON THE "STRATEGIC UNION OF IRAQ WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

-- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES APPARENT TEXT OF STIFF NOTE TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT COMPLAINING OF TURKISH DISCISION TO FREE BRAZINSKASES (SEPTEL).

-- JULY 16 IZVESTIYA HAS SMALL TASS ITEM DESCRIBING MASS DEMONSTRATIONS

IN ETHIOPIA IN SUPPORT OF RECENT MEASURES OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST "COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND SABOTAGE." JULY 18 PRAVDA WEEKLY REVIEW DESCRIBES SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT OF MOGER WOLDE MIKAEL AS PERHAPS BEING A "NEW CHAPTER" IN LONG HISTORY OF SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS.

-- THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF AFGHAN REPUBLIC GETS NICE PRESS JULY 17, WITH LEADERSHIP MESSAGE TO DAOUD AND FEATURE ARTICLES FROM PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENTS STRESSING INTERVIEW WITH PLANNING

MINISTER CHUDDAM (AND SOVIET ASSISTANCE).

-- ON CHINA, JULY 17 CENTRAL PRESS JUXTAPOSES NY TASS REPORT ON  
"STRANGE" DEATH OF FUKIEN MR COMMANDER LI "AT HIS POST."  
WITH INTIMATION OF RADICAL INVOLVEMENT, WITH LONDON TASS REPLAY OF  
GUARDIAN ARTICLE CONCLUDING THAT MILITARY IS NOW "THIRD CENTER OF  
INFLUENCE" (AFTER RADICALS AND MODERATES) AND HAS "BEST POSITION  
TO FORM TEMPORARY REGIME AFTER MAO."

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS MARKED BY CONTINUED SOURING ON GOVERNOR CARTER,  
THIS TIME IN PRAVDA JULY 18 INTERNATIONAL REVIEW, OCCASIONED BY  
HIS STATEMENT ON ENCOURAGING U.S. ALLIES TO EXERT ECONOMIC PRESSURE  
ON SOVIETS. SUCH ATTEMPTS AT INTERFERENCE HAVE NOTHING TO DO  
WITH HELSINKI FOR COMMENTATOR DOMOGATSKIKH, WHO CONCLUDES THAT  
"THE LAST YEARS SHOWED THAT FRUITFUL SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS  
DEPEND IN FIRST INSTANCE ON THE SINCERITY AND GOOD-WILL OF THE  
AMERICAN SIDE, AND NOT ON UNHEALTHY ATTEMPTS TO DICTATE IN SOME  
WAY OR OTHER TO SOVIET UNION OR OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM."  
OTHERWISE, WEEKEND PRESS HAS NORMAL CROP OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES,  
WORRISOME MILITARY EXPENDITURES, AND OPPRESSION OF INDIANS.  
COUNTERPOINT IS CHEERFUL NOVOYE VREMYA COVERAGE OF APOLLO-SOYUZ  
ANNIVERSARY.

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